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51 Female
[109]

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NOTE: Current results are among registered voters only. Except where otherwise noted, results from previous surveys are among **all adults**.

- 1a. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	100	CONTINUE	[139]
Not registered.....	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure.....	-		

- 1b. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	55	51	45	45	50	53	47	48	65	14	[140]
Wrong track.....	31	35	39	39	35	32	34	35	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	12	11	13	13	12	12	16	13	9	9	
Not sure.....	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	6	

Registered Voters							
<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>10/96+</u>	<u>10/94</u>
52	46	45	51	54	48	42	27
35	39	39	35	31	33	39	57
10	12	13	11	12	16	14	14
3	3	3	3	3	3	5	2

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	68	66	64	63	66	66	62	59	66	41	[141]
Disapprove.....	29	31	30	30	29	28	30	33	28	50	
Not sure.....	3	3	6	7	5	6	8	8	6	9	

Registered Voters							
<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>10/96+</u>	<u>10/94</u>
65	64	63	65	65	62	56	46
32	31	31	30	29	31	37	45
3	5	6	5	6	7	7	9

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>10/98+*</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>4/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/93</u>	<u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	74	75	69	70	76	76	65	64	76	40	40	[142]
Disapprove.....	21	19	23	22	16	17	25	27	16	51	51	
Not sure.....	5	6	8	8	8	7	10	9	8	9	9	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>10/98+**</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	70	63	58	53	63	61	54	52	63	32	[143]
Disapprove.....	26	29	31	36	27	31	34	38	29	60	
Not sure.....	4	8	11	11	10	8	12	10	8	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

3. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and institutions, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very</u> <u>Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Negative</u>	<u>Very</u> <u>Negative</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u> <u>Name/</u> <u>Not Sure</u>	
Bill Clinton							[144]
October 1998+.....	25	26	10	12	26	1	
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	
July 1998.....	24	26	17	15	18	-	
June 1998.....	24	30	14	12	20	-	
April 1998.....	27	29	13	11	19	1	
April 2, 1998.....	23	21	20	13	22	1	
February 1998.....	29	28	14	12	17	-	
January 17-19, 1998.....	21	36	15	13	15	-	
December 1997.....	21	34	16	13	15	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	

Q.3 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[145]
October 1998+.....	13	24	22	21	19	1	
September 1998.....	14	27	29	15	14	1	
April 1998.....	10	27	30	18	13	2	
January 1998.....	9	29	30	18	12	2	
December 1997.....	9	27	30	19	13	2	
September 1997.....	11	25	29	20	13	2	
July 1997.....	8	29	31	19	11	2	
March 1997.....	10	30	27	19	12	2	
January 1997.....	10	32	26	20	11	1	
<i>Registered voters</i>							
September 1998.....	15	28	26	16	14	1	
April 1998.....	10	27	29	19	13	2	
January 1998.....	10	30	29	18	11	2	
October 1996+.....	12	26	27	18	15	2	
October 1994.....	16	27	25	15	14	3	
<i>High</i>							
January 1995.....	17	33	25	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1997.....	11	25	29	20	13	2	
Newt Gingrich							[146]
October 1998+.....	8	19	24	19	27	3	
September 1998.....	9	24	25	18	20	4	
July 1998.....	7	18	28	18	23	6	
June 1998.....	7	18	27	21	23	4	
April 1998.....	5	18	28	20	23	6	
February 1998.....	6	20	31	18	19	6	
January 1998.....	6	17	26	21	25	5	
December 1997.....	7	17	24	18	29	5	
<i>High</i>							
April 21-25, 1995.....	11	20	18	13	23	15	
<i>Low</i>							
June 1997.....	6	15	18	25	30	6	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

	Very Positiv e	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
The Democratic Party							[147]
October 1998+.....	13	29	28	16	12	2	
September 1998.....	15	25	33	17	9	1	
April 1998.....	15	27	29	15	12	2	
January 1998.....	13	30	30	16	9	2	
December 1997.....	14	31	25	16	12	2	
September 1997.....	13	28	28	18	11	2	
July 1997.....	12	29	30	16	11	2	
March 1997.....	11	29	28	18	12	2	
January 1997.....	16	31	24	17	11	1	
<i>Registered voters</i>							
September 1998.....	14	26	31	19	9	1	
April 1998.....	16	27	28	16	12	1	
January 1998.....	14	30	29	17	9	1	
October 1996+.....	18	26	23	16	15	2	
October 1994.....	13	23	24	21	18	1	
<i>High</i>							
October 20-21, 1992+.....	19	29	22	15	12	3	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	
Henry Hyde							[148]
October 1998+.....	8	11	21	8	7	45	
John Glenn							[149]
October 1998+.....	44	27	18	4	2	5	
Kenneth Starr							[150]
October 1998+.....	12	14	15	16	40	3	
September 1998.....	12	13	23	16	33	3	
July 1998.....	10	13	18	14	36	9	
June 1998.....	9	11	21	16	33	10	
April 1998.....	7	11	20	15	33	14	
February 1998.....	7	13	20	15	26	19	
February 7, 1998*.....	7	12	21	15	24	21	
January 31, 1998*.....	8	10	25	11	22	24	
January 24, 1998**.....	8	12	22	11	14	33	
June 1997.....	4	10	19	8	6	53	
March 1997.....	2	8	18	6	6	60	

* Results shown reflect responses among a sample of approximately 400 adults.

** Results shown reflect responses among a sample of 806 adults.

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[151]
October 1998+.....	32	24	15	12	16	1	
September 1998.....	29	21	20	12	18	-	
July 1998.....	22	24	25	13	14	2	
June 1998.....	26	22	21	11	19	1	
April 1998.....	26	25	19	13	16	1	
February 1998.....	27	25	19	11	17	1	
January 17-19, 1998.....	20	25	21	16	16	2	
December 1997.....	18	26	23	14	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	27	30	21	8	8	6	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996+.....	14	20	19	17	27	3	

* Results shown reflect responses among a sample of approximately 400 adults.

** Results shown reflect responses among a sample of 806 adults.

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and Texas Governor George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	10/98+	9/98	4/98	9/97	Registered Voters		
					9/98	4/98	
Al Gore.....	40	39	41	45	39	41	[152]
George W. Bush.....	48	49	44	39	50	45	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	5	5	8	5	5	
Not sure.....	7	7	10	8	6	9	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	10/98+	9/98	7/98	6/98	4/98	2/98	1/98	12/97	10/97	High 9/98	Low 10/90+	
Approve.....	48	61	53	48	51	57	47	46	46	61	22	[153]
Disapprove.....	39	28	31	37	34	29	32	40	41	28	69	
Not sure.....	13	11	16	15	15	14	21	14	13	11	9	

Registered Voters							
9/98	7/98	6/98	4/98	2/98	1/98	10/96+	10/94
61	52	47	50	58	48	39	24
28	32	38	35	29	32	50	67
11	16	15	15	13	20	11	9

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 6a. How would you rate the overall performance and accomplishments of this year's Congress—one of the best, above average, average, below average, or one of the worst?

	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/9</u>	Registered Voters				
						<u>7/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>10/96+</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
One of the best.....	2	2	2	7	1	2	2	3	1	[154]
Above average.....	12	13	11	18	6	13	11	18	5	
Average.....	52	57	56	33	46	55	58	49	44	
Below average.....	22	20	22	24	28	21	22	17	29	
One of the worst.....	10	6	6	16	16	7	5	9	18	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	4	3	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 6b. How much interest do you have in the upcoming elections for U.S. Congress in your district -- a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or none at all?

	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>10/94</u>	Registered Voters			
				<u>9/98</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	
A great deal of interest.....	31	27	26	29	30	28	[155]
Quite a bit of interest.....	24	23	26	25	28	24	
Just some interest.....	31	33	33	33	31	29	
Very little interest.....	11	12	11	10	9	14	
No interest at all.....	2	4	3	2	2	4	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	-	1	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

7. Please tell me how likely you are to vote in the November 1998 elections for offices such as governor and U.S. senator, using a ten-point scale. If you are certain that you will vote in November, pick a number closer to ten. If it is less likely that you will vote, use a number closer to one. You may choose any number from one to ten.

	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
10, certain to vote.....	68	66	56	54	[156]
9.....	7	7	9	10	
8.....	6	9	11	8	
7.....	3	4	5	4	
6.....	1	2	2	3	
5.....	3	4	6	6	
4.....	-	1	1	1	
3.....	1	1	2	3	
2.....	1	1	1	2	
1, less likely to vote.....	10	5	6	7	
Not sure.....	-	-	1	2	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

8. Compared to congressional elections in other years, how important is the upcoming November election for U.S. Congress--the most important election in the past ten years, an election that is more important than most in recent years, an election of average importance, or an election that is less important than most?

	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	
Most important in past ten years.....	26	19	20	[158]
More important than most in recent years...	39	35	30	
Of average importance.....	31	40	43	
Less important than most.....	3	4	4	
Not at all important (VOL).....	-	1	1	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

9. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 1998 congressional elections -- a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	Highly Motivated Voters								
	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress. .	44	41	40	41	39	37	41	40	[159]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	42	43	39	40	40	41	37	42	
Not sure ²	14	16	21	19	21	22	22	18	

Registered Voters							
<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>10/96+</u>	<u>10/94</u> ¹
41	43	41	38	41	42	42	46
38	40	39	41	38	41	40	37
21	17	20	21	21	17	18	17

<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u> ¹
41	41	45	44	41	42	44
37	39	39	38	38	41	38
22	20	16	18	21	17	18

+ Asked only of registered voters.

¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

10. In this year's election for U.S. House of Representatives, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean at this time?

	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<i>Registered Voters</i>					
							<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	
Vote for the Republican candidate.....	40	34	32	32	30	30	35	33	34	30	32	[160]
Vote for the Democratic candidate.....	43	36	34	36	36	36	37	35	37	37	36	
Depends (VOL).....	8	14	15	16	18	22	14	16	16	20	22	
Other/neither/won't vote (VOL)	2	4	5	6	4	3	2	2	3	1	2	
Not sure.....	7	12	14	10	12	9	12	14	10	12	8	

<u>10/96+</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>8/20- 21/96+</u>	<u>8/2- 6/96+</u>	<u>7/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/95¹</u>
38	36	37	38	37	35	36	36	34
39	42	38	38	40	40	39	38	36
8	7	11	10	10	10	9	12	17
1	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	3
14	13	12	12	12	14	14	11	10

<u>11/4- 5/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>Reg. Voters 10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>
40	39	41	33	31	30	29	34	29	31
37	36	36	39	35	35	34	32	32	32
6	6	7	9	14	14	21	21	24	25
3	5	2	5	5	5	2	2	2	3
14	14	14	14	15	16	14	11	13	9

<u>11/92+</u>	<u>10/27- 28/92+</u>	<u>10/20- 21/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>8/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>
35	34	29	32	29	31	33
45	45	46	43	43	35	35
4	3	6	7	7	11	14
1	1	2	1	2	3	2
15	17	17	17	19	20	16

¹ Prior to March 1996, the question read "election for U.S. Congress. . ."

+ Asked only of registered voters.

11a. And in the November 1998 election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think it is time to give a new person a chance?

			Reg. Voters	Reg. Voters								[175]
	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	
Reelect representative.....	48	40	41	36	39	30	34	35	34	37	30	
Give new person a chance...	37	46	45	50	49	53	50	47	52	47	55	
Not sure.....	15	14	14	14	12	17	16	18	14	16	15	
	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>11/89+</u>		
	31	31	27	33	37	42	35	40	39	41		
	56	56	62	57	52	48	52	48	48	36		
	13	13	11	10	11	10	13	12	13	23		

¹ In odd numbered years, the question referred to the *following* year's election; in even numbered years, it referred to *that* year's election.

+ Asked only of registered voters.

11b. If President Clinton continues to be president for the next two years, would you prefer that Congress be controlled by the Republicans or the Democrats for those two years?

	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	
Controlled by Republicans.....	46	45	[176]
Controlled by Democrats.....	46	42	
Not sure.....	8	13	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

12a. Now I'd like to mention a number of issues and other factors that have been talked about in this year's campaign. For each one, please tell me whether it is very important, fairly important, only somewhat important, or not important to you in deciding who to vote for in the election for U.S. Senate and Congress in your district.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY IMPORTANT

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Fairly Important</u>	<u>Only Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The candidate's position on domestic issues, such as Social Security and education.....	86	8	6	-	-	[179]
The candidate's position on issues affecting your area and district.....	73	12	12	2	1	[210]
The candidate's position on fiscal issues, such as tax cuts and the budget surplus.....	72	13	13	1	1	[208]
The personal qualities of the candidates.....	58	13	22	6	1	[211]
The candidate's position on social issues, such as abortion and affirmative action.....	55	15	21	8	1	[209]
The candidate's position on the impeachment of President Clinton.....	42	10	19	27	2	[178]
The desire to have the Republicans control Congress.....	30	9	18	41	2	[180]
The desire to have the Democrats control Congress.....	29	9	19	41	2	[177]

12b. Please tell me which one of the following issues will be most important to you in deciding how to vote in this year's elections for U.S. senator and Congress?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Education.....	24	[212]
Social Security.....	21	
Moral values.....	16	
Health care.....	14	
Taxes.....	12	
Crime.....	10	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

13. And of these specific issues, when it comes to the following issue, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither? **

	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with the problem of health care							[213]
October 1998 +.....	D-20	41	21	26	8	4	
September 1998.....	D-20	40	20	24	13	3	
June 1998.....	D-13	25	12	34	23	6	
May 1996.....	D-20	42	22	16	17	3	
December 1995.....	D-21	43	22	13	16	6	
October 1994.....	D-12	37	25	12	20	6	
July 1992+.....	D-34	44	10	21	19	6	
Dealing with education							[214]
October 1998 +.....	D-19	40	21	28	7	4	
September 1998.....	D-16	38	22	29	8	3	
October 1994.....	D-13	34	21	24	15	6	
October 1993.....	D-8	32	24	16	24	4	
July 1992+.....	D-25	42	17	25	12	4	
October 1991+.....	D-14	28	14	33	18	7	
Dealing with Social Security							[215]
October 1998 +.....	D-23	44	21	25	6	4	
September 1998.....	D-16	37	21	25	13	4	
July 1998.....	D-9	28	19	34	14	5	
January 1998.....	D-11	26	15	34	18	7	
September 1997.....	D-14	33	19	18	22	8	
October 1996.....	D-12	36	24	17	15	8	
December 1995.....	D-22	44	22	14	14	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.13 (cont'd) **

	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with taxes							[216]
October 1998 +.....	-	32	32	21	10	5	
September 1998.....	R-6	29	35	22	11	3	
October 1994.....	R-15	23	38	17	18	4	
October 1993.....	R-11	23	34	16	23	4	
October 1991+.....	R-5	26	31	18	18	7	
Dealing with crime							[217]
October 1998 +.....	R-8	19	27	38	10	6	
October 1996.....	D-2	30	28	21	13	8	
May 1996 +.....	R-10	21	31	25	16	7	
December 1995.....	R-7	20	27	27	20	6	
June 1995.....	R-15	17	32	25	20	6	
November 1994.....	R-11	14	25	34	19	8	
October 1994.....	R-5	23	28	21	21	7	
July 1994.....	R-8	18	26	33	19	8	
May 1994.....	R-11	9	20	52	15	4	
October 1993.....	R-7	20	27	22	24	7	
Promoting strong moral values							[218]
October 1998 +.....	R-20	16	36	22	23	3	
October 1996.....	R-26	19	45	15	14	7	
May 1996 +.....	R-15	21	36	17	19	7	
December 1995.....	R-12	19	31	20	26	4	
October 1994.....	R-18	20	38	19	17	6	

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+ Asked only of registered voters.

14. Now, I'm going to mention several things that you might learn about a candidate for Congress in your district. For each one, please tell me whether it would make you more likely or less likely to support that candidate, or whether it would not be a factor in your decision.

If a candidate (**READ ITEM**), would this make you more likely or less likely to support that candidate, or would it not be a factor in your decision? (**IF "MORE LIKELY," ASK:**) Would this make you much more likely or somewhat more likely to support this candidate? (**IF "LESS LIKELY," ASK:**) Would this make you much less likely or somewhat less likely to support this candidate?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MUCH OR SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY

	Much More Likely	Somewhat More Likely	Somewhat Less Likely	Much Less Likely	Not Factor	Not Sure	
Is your current congressional representative							[220]
October 1998+.....	17	20	10	11	39	3	
October 1994 all adults.....	9	19	28	18	16	10	
October 1994 registered voters.....	8	18	28	19	18	9	
October 1991 registered voters.....	12	18	21	15	19	15	
Favors holding full-scale, unlimited impeachment hearings about President Clinton							[219]
October 1998+.....	14	11	12	36	26	1	
Favors impeaching President Clinton and removing him from office							[221]
October 1998+.....	15	10	12	35	27	1	
Favors holding impeachment hearings limited to the Monica Lewinsky matter only							[222]
October 1998+.....	7	11	16	31	33	2	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

15. Compared to past elections, do you think that this year's election campaign is generally more positive, more negative, or about the same? *

More positive.....	11	[223]
More negative.....	34	
About the same.....	53	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 16a. When it comes to your vote for Congress, please tell me which of the following you agree with most:

Statement A: My vote for Congress is a vote for impeachment and the removal of President Clinton from office,

Statement B: My vote for Congress is a vote against impeachment and the removal of President Clinton from office, or

Statement C: My vote for Congress has very little or nothing to do with the possible impeachment of the President.

Statement A: A vote for impeachment.....	14	[224]
Statement B: A vote against impeachment.....	31	
Statement C: Vote has very little or nothing to do with impeachment..	54	
Not sure.....	1	

- 16b. Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for Bill Clinton, a signal of opposition to Bill Clinton, or not a signal either way about Bill Clinton?

A vote to send a signal of support.....	28	[225]
A vote to send a signal of opposition.....	23	
Not a signal either way.....	49	
Not sure.....	-	

Now, changing topics . . .

17a. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

	<u>10/98+*</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>1/96</u>	
	*									
Very satisfied.....	27	31	18	13	10	13	9	31	3	[226]
Somewhat satisfied.....	55	55	52	52	51	45	51	55	37	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	12	10	20	23	27	27	27	10	38	
Very dissatisfied.....	5	3	8	10	10	13	11	3	19	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

17b. Do you think that the condition of the nation's economy is excellent, good, not so good, or poor? *

Excellent.....	13	[227]
Good.....	64	
Not so good.....	19	
Poor.....	3	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

17c. During the next year, do you think that the national economy will get better, will get worse, or will stay about the same?

	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/21- 25/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	
Will get better.....	17	19	19	21	20	24	31	31	28	28	27	29	[228]
Will get worse.....	24	22	22	21	21	23	17	24	24	17	21	16	
Will stay about the same	54	53	57	52	54	50	46	40	44	52	49	52	
Not sure.....	5	6	2	6	5	3	6	5	4	3	3	3	
	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/9</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>	
	3	3										+	
	44	43	21	23	20	23	33	39	50	53	32	31	
	16	19	27	24	29	27	21	15	9	10	20	24	
	36	34	50	51	48	47	44	43	39	35	45	40	
	4	4	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	5	

+ Asked only of registered

17d. Do you think there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	
Will be an economic recession.....	24	31	21	22	15	19	23	32	73	66	[229]
Will not be an economic recession. .	64	57	65	68	77	70	67	53	19	24	
Not sure.....	12	12	14	10	8	11	10	15	8	10	
		<u>9/15- 18/90</u>	<u>9/4- 5/90</u>	<u>8/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>		
		51	58	57	25	30	23	30	31		
		35	30	26	49	57	64	56	56		
		14	12	17	26	13	13	14	13		

+ Asked only of registered voters.

18a. As you may know, some experts think that the federal government will have a surplus of funds in the next few years. Let me read you two ideas of what to do with the surplus and see which one you favor more. A) Preserve the surplus until the financial stability of Social Security is taken care of, or B) divide the surplus to guarantee the financial stability of Social Security, and use a portion of it for a tax cut. **

A/preserve surplus until the financial stability of Social Security is taken care of.....	54	[230]
B/divide the surplus to guarantee financial stability of Social Security and use a portion for a tax cut.....	43	
Neither/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

18b. A proposal has been made that would allow or require people to put a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal retirement accounts that would be invested in private stocks and bonds. Some people think that individuals would have more money for retirement if they were allowed to invest and manage some of their Social Security payroll taxes themselves. Others think that it is too risky and could leave some people without adequate money for retirement if the stock market were to decline in value significantly. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>10/98+*</u>	<u>4/98</u>	
Favor.....	43	52	[231]
Oppose.....	52	41	
Not sure.....	5	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

19. If Serbian forces refuse to leave Kosovo as they have agreed to do, do you think that the United States and its allies should or should not bomb Serbian targets? **

Should bomb Serbian targets.....	47	[232]
Should not bomb Serbian targets.....	40	
Not sure.....	13	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20. As you may know, some states have laws mandating stricter sentences for so-called hate crimes--that is, crimes that are committed against a person because of the victim's race, religion, or ethnic background. From what you know, do you think that it is a good idea or a bad idea to expand hate crime laws to include crimes committed on the basis of the victim's sexual orientation? *

Good idea.....	61	[233]
Bad idea.....	33	
Not sure.....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 21a. As you may have heard, next week former astronaut and current Ohio senator John Glenn will attempt to become the oldest person to complete a space shuttle mission, at the age of seventy-seven. Do you think that his mission will provide valid scientific research, or do you think that the mission is for publicity purposes? *

Will provide valid scientific research..	42	[234]
Is for publicity purposes.....	39	
Some of both (VOL).....	14	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 21b. It is now nearly thirty years since the United States first landed men on the moon. Do you think that the space program has brought enough benefits to this country to justify its costs, or don't you think so?

	<u>10/98</u> +**	<u>7/94</u> ¹	
Yes, brought enough benefits.....	58	47	[235]
No, doesn't justify its costs.....	38	47	
Not sure.....	4	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+Asked only of registered voters.

¹ Comparative data comes from a July 1994 survey conducted by the Gallup Organization for CNN and U.S.A. Today.

22. Thinking about life in America in the twenty-first century, are you -- excited, optimistic but not excited, concerned but not scared, or scared?

Excited.....	18	[236]
Optimistic but not excited.....	36	
Concerned but not scared.....	35	
Scared.....	9	
Not sure.....	2	

Turning to another subject. . .

- 23a. Do you think that the recent allegations against President Clinton are or are not affecting his ability to lead the country?

	<u>10/98</u> +*	<u>9/98</u>	<u>8/98</u>	
Yes, are affecting his ability.....	56	69	52	[237]
No, are not affecting his ability.....	42	28	44	
Not sure.....	2	3	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 23b. How much has the Clinton/Lewinsky matter hurt Bill Clinton's ability to lead the country effectively --- a great deal, somewhat, not much, or not at all? **

Hurt a great deal.....	33	[238]
Hurt somewhat.....	33	
Not hurt much.....	12	
Not hurt at all.....	20	
Not sure.....	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 23c. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress have handled the Clinton/Lewinsky matter? *

Approve.....	28	[239]
Disapprove.....	68	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 24a. Do you think that Congress and the public know all they need to know about President Clinton's actions in the Monica Lewinsky matter, or do you think that there should be a further investigation? **

Congress and the public know all they need to know.....	81	[240]
There should be further investigation.....	16	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

24b. Which statement do you agree with more—

Statement A: for the good of the country, Congress should drop the Clinton/Lewinsky matter, or

Statement B: the President should be treated as any other citizen and be held legally accountable for his actions. *

Statement A: Congress should drop the matter.....	41	[241]
Statement B: The President should be held legally accountable for his actions.....	52	
Neither (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

25a. Do you know if your member of Congress has taken a position on whether President Clinton should be impeached and removed from office?

Yes, I know that my member of Congress has taken a position.....	34	[242]
No, I do not know whether my member of Congress has taken a position.....	48	
Not sure.....	18	

25b. Before the election, do you think that your member of Congress should or should not state his or her position on whether the President should be impeached and removed from office?

Should state opinion.....	59	[243]
Should not state opinion.....	35	
Not sure.....	6	

26a. What would you most like to see happen —

Statement A: President Clinton resign,

Statement B: Congress impeach and remove President Clinton from office,

Statement C: Congress hold hearings and formally censure President Clinton, but allow him to remain in office, or

Statement D: Congress drop the matter and allow President Clinton to remain in office?

Statement A: Clinton resign.....	24	[244]
Statement B: Congress impeach and remove Clinton from office.....	7	
Statement C: Congress hold hearings and censure Clinton, but allow him to remain in office.....	30	
Statement D: Congress drop the matter.....	37	
Not sure.....	2	

26b. Should Congress impeach Bill Clinton and remove him from office? *

Yes, should impeach and remove from office.....	24	[245]
No, should not impeach and remove from office..	71	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

26c. After the election, do you think that Congress will be able to deal with the impeachment inquiry in a fair and impartial way, or do you think that it will be a partisan, political investigation? **

Fair and impartial.....	24	[246]
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Partisan and political.....	67
Depends (VOL).....	3
Not sure.....	6

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 27a. If new information emerges in the investigation of President Clinton about **(READ ITEM)**, do you think that the House Judiciary Committee should look into it during its hearings, or is it not relevant and should the matter be dropped?

	Further Investigation	Not Relevant/ Matter Should Be Dropped	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
Additional relationships with women.....	24	72	2	2	[247]
Financial dealings related to the Whitewater investigation.....	47	48	2	3	[248]
1996 campaign fund-raising practices.....	51	43	3	3	[249]

- 27b. As you may know, Paula Jones has filed a lawsuit claiming that President Clinton sexually harassed her when he was governor of Arkansas and she was a state employee. From what you know, do you believe Paula Jones' allegations of sexual harassment against President Clinton, or not?*

	10/98+	1/98			10/9	6/97	
		24 th	22 nd	17 th -19 th			
Believe Paula Jones' allegations.....	48	37	37	27	35	33	[250]
Do not believe Paula Jones' allegations.....	39	45	40	50	48	45	
Not sure.....	13	18	23	23	17	22	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	5	[251-252]
25-29.....	6	
30-34.....	9	
35-39.....	11	
40-44.....	12	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	8	
60-64.....	8	
65 and over.....	20	
Refused.....	1	

F2. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[253-254]
Some high school.....	4	
High school graduate.....	25	
Some college, no degree.....	20	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	21	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree...	11	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F3a. Are you currently employed? **(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** What type of work do you do? **(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		[255-262]
Professional/manager.....	29	
White collar worker.....	19	
Blue collar worker.....	14	
Farmer.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	2	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired.....	25	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	2	
Never worked/not sure.....	1	

F3b. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")** **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	19	[263]
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	13	
Strictly independent.....	15	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not very strong Republican.....	10	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other.....	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

- F4. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think that your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	7	[264]
Somewhat liberal.....	17	
Moderate.....	33	
Somewhat conservative.....	20	
Very conservative.....	11	
Views cannot be described in those terms.....	10	
Not sure.....	2	

- F5. Did you happen to vote in the 1996 presidential election? **(IF YES, ASK:)** For whom did you vote -- Bill Clinton, the Democrat, Bob Dole, the Republican, or Ross Perot, the Reform Party candidate?

<u>Voted</u>		
Bill Clinton.....	49	[265]
Bob Dole.....	30	
Ross Perot.....	8	
Other (VOL)/not sure/refused.....	3	
<u>Did Not Vote</u>	7	
<u>Not Sure If Voted/Refused</u>	3	

- F6. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	15	[266]
Married.....	63	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	11	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F7. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	36	[267]
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	62	
Not sure.....	2	

- F8. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	50	CONTINUE	[268]
Catholic.....	30		
Jewish.....	2		
Other.....	11	Skip To Q.F10	
None.....	4		
Not sure/refused.....	3		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8.)

F9. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	18	[269]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	30	
Not sure.....	2	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8).....	50	

F10. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	11	[270]
Labor union household.....	6	
Nonunion household.....	81	
Not sure.....	2	

F11. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF NO:)** What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	5	[271]
White.....	81	
Black.....	9	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F12. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	3	[272]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	12	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	14	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	13	
More than \$100,000.....	9	
Not sure/refused.....	12	